

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 18.

Please amend claim 17 as follows:

Sub. C 17 (Amended) A method of notifying motorists of vacant parking space locations comprising the steps of:
detecting the presence or absence of a vehicle in at least one identifiable parking space;
generating a signal to represent the presence or absence of a vehicle in at said at least one identifiable parking space;
associating said signal with a respective space identifier;
interpreting said signal along with said respective space identifier as space identifier data;
integrating said space identifier data with digital street-map data describing an area including said at least one identifiable parking space to form an active street-map; and
communicating said active street-map to a network.

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 and 19-20 are pending in the application. Claim 18 is cancelled. Claim 17 is amended herein. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter is added by the present amendment. A marked up copy of claim 17(amended) is showing all changes is presented in Appendix I.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-4, 9-10 and 12-16 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,910,782 to Schmitt et al. (hereinafter referred to as "Schmitt").

Regarding claims 1 and 9 the Examiner indicated that Schmitt discloses "an on-board vehicle parking space finder service system including all subject matters as follow" (sic). "... at